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Classified By: Ambassador William T. Monroe for reasons  
1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) The Ambassador delivered reftel information regarding possible Bahraini participation in the Proliferation Security Initiative Operational Experts Group (OEG) to Foreign Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, in a January 15 meeting covering several subjects (septel). He emphasized that the GOB would have to make a long-term commitment of manpower and resources if it wanted to join the OEG, and noted that Secretary of Defense Gates would likely raise this issue during his meeting with King Hamad on January 18. Reacting positively in principle, Shaikh Khalid said he would advise the King of this proposal before the visit of Secretary Gates.

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